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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE VISIT BY U.S. PRIVATE CONSULTANT ON
ANTI-INFILTRATION TECHNIQUES

1. RICHARD E. CLEMENT, OF ADCO, TECHNICAL CONSULTANT
TO DOD AND TO PRIVATE FIRMS ON ANTI-INFILTRATION TECHNIQUES
AND EQUIPMENT, CALLED ON COUNTRY OFFICER MARCH 16 AND
AMBASSADOR KOCHMAN FOLLOWING DAY. CLEMENT TOLD COUNTRY
OFFICER HE PLANS VISIT MAURITANIA WITHIN WEEK OR TEN DAYS
TO FOLLOW UP ON HIS COMPANY'S DISCUSSIONS WITH MAURITANIAN
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REPRESENTATIVES IN PARIS LOOKING TO ENHANCE SECURITY AT
ZOUERATE AND ALONG IRON ORE RAILWAY. CLEMENT WOULD CONDUCT
FEASIBILITY STUDY ONLY, NOT RPT NOT DISCUSS EQUIPMENT --
FOR WHICH HE AWARE MUNITIONS CONTROL LICENSING REQUIRED.

2. COUNTRY OFFICER EMPHASIZED US NEUTRALITY ON WESTERN
SAHARA DISPUTE, IMPORTANCE OF AVOIDING ANY INDICATION THAT

USG, AS OPPOSED TO PRIVATE FIRMS, INVOLVED IN HIS VISIT,
AND CAUTIONED THAT MAURITANIAN RUMOR MILLS MIGHT CAUSE
TROUBLE GIVEN SENSITIVE NATURE OF HIS OPERATIONS.

3. CLEMENT REPORTED TO COUNTRY OFFICER MARCH 17 SHORTLY
AFTER HIS MEETING WITH KOCHMAN. CLEMENT SAID HE HAD
EXPLAINED IN GENERAL TERMS PURPOSE OF HIS PROSPECTIVE VISIT

TO MAURITANIA, MADE CLEAR THAT NOTHING WAS BEING DONE
WITHOUT FIRST INFORMING STATE DEPARTMENT, AND THAT FIRST
PERSON HE WOULD CONTACT IN MAURITANIA WOULD BE AMBASSA-
DOR KRYZA AND/OR DCM FARLEY (WHOM CLEMENT KNOWS FROM ROK
EXPERIENCE). KOCHMAN THOUGHT HE WOULD RAISE CLEMENT'S
VISIT WITH GIRM DURING CONSULTATIONS, IF THIS DESIRED BY
CLEMENT. CLEMENT TOLD COUNTRY OFFICER THAT THIS IN FACT
NOT NECESSARY SINCE TALKS ALREADY ON-GOING IN PARIS WITH
MAURITANIANS, BUT HAD IMPRESSION THAT KOCHMAN WOULD PROBAB-
LY IN ANY EVENT RAISE MATTER WITH GIRM AUTHORITIES IN
NOUAKCHOTT.

4. FYI: USG REGULATIONS DO NOT RPT NOT PROHIBIT OPERA-
TION OF NATURE CLEMENT DESCRIBED TO US. CLEMENT ASSURED US
THAT THROUGH PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE AS CONSULTANT TO DOD HE
FULLY AWARE OF USG REGULATIONS RE SALES PRESENTATION FOR
US MILITARY EQUIPMENT, AND WILL ADHERE TO THEM FIRMLY IF
FEASIBILITY STUDY LEADS HIS COMPANY IN THAT DIRECTION.
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